UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:047

APPOINTMENT OF THE NASHVILLE AREA REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH GROUP

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USSET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USSET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, USSET is committed to eliminating health disparities for American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) communities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Tribes and all Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Divisions engage in open continuous, and meaningful consultation to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy requires all HHS Divisions to consult with Tribes before any action is taken that will significantly affect Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Office of Minority Health (OMH) is soliciting participation in the development of the AI/AN Health Research Group. This group will consist of Tribal Leaders from the 12 Indian Health Service (IHS) Areas and the National Tribal Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the group will be charged with obtaining input from Tribes throughout Indian Country on health research priorities, provide a forum for which HHS Division representatives can better communicate and coordinate the work their respective organizations are doing in AI/AN health research, and to serve as a conduit for disseminating information to the Tribes about research findings; and

WHEREAS, recommendations provided by the Tribal Leaders and/or representatives will be an important source of information to focusing AI/AN research; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USSET Board of Directors nominates and supports Brenda Shore, Director—Tribal Health Program Support, USSET to serve as the Nashville Area delegate; and Suzette Sheth, Health Director, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to serve as alternate to the AI/AN Health Research Group.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USSET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Alexandria, VA, on Thursday, February 9, 2006.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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